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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

There is every indication that Russia having taken the brunt of German damage to its citizens and its resources, agricultural and industrial, is very much inclined to "go it alone", without consulting her allies. Millions of Russian soldiers and civilians have been killed in the long sustained battle against the German aggressor. The Russians are proud of their victory and have the confidence, that any people would have under the same conditions, in their ability to fend for themselves.

This is quite understandable. The Russians were vanquished early in World War I, early in the struggle. Around the turn of the century they were ignominiously beaten by, the then, little Japan. Today they can feel they have done perhaps more than half the fighting to humble the armies of the nazis and the legions of the Prussian junkers.

Russia though demanding due credit for its magnificent victory does acknowledge that the United States helped mightily with food supplies and equipment, that England contributed vast shipping resources and naval power to get these supplies to her, and that the allied battles in Italy and western Europe, helped to make her burden lighter on the eastern front. Still Russia can point to more lives sacrificed and more towns and villages laid waste, than any other country overrun by Hitler.

Let us remember that the Russian blood spilt, might easily have been that of our sons, brothers, husbands and fathers. They have saved us that enormous loss, as well as many billions in cash. That they never would have gone into battle, except that they were attacked, has nothing to do with the case. What the Russians spent in lives and cash, we and the British did not spend. Germany's blunder in invading Russia was a fortunate throw of the dice for us and for Britain.

Let us not be concerned too much about what part of Germany Russia proposes to occupy. Let it be half or two thirds. Who cares? The mare Russia takes on in that dreary country of utter defeat, the less man power we must expend to take care of our diminished portion. And we have a feeling that Russian severity will sit better with the Germans than our own methods will. We are too tolerant, altogether too sporting in our attitude toward fallen foes, and, certainly too forgetful of lessons in history. The Russians know they must live with the Germans snugly beside them, They will plan accordingly.

The Germans that conform to the Russian idea of good neighborliness, we believe will receive good treatment. But first there will be a terrific purging of the criminal leadership. We will not be surprised to hear that scores of thousands of Germans have been shot and buried in a very few weeks. But when that is over with, we believe the Russians will do a good job of re-educating the Germans or, rather re-orientating them.

It seems to us that we need not be concerned about the Germans absorbing the Russian brand of communism. By the way we should forget not that this particular kind of communism is very different from the kind Lenin inaugurated with the revolution. But supposing Germany is exposed to Russian communism. We recall quite well that Germany at the end of first world war was exposed to democratic government. It didn't take. The country speedily lapsed into a tighter autocracy than that exercised by the Prussian kings. The Germans like autocracy. They always liked it since the time of Caesar. We had just as soon as not that Russia exercise that autocracy. Just ask yourselves, readers of this column, whether you would like to see our democratic government establish a dictatorship in Germany.

Of course our militry government over our assigned part of Germany is for the time being, a dictatorship, or at least an oligarchy of officers. Thot is the government necessary in transit from war to peace. Since it is hardly likely that we can build up a love of democratis government among the Germans in our control, for in the light of history seems impossible, then we shall never be reconciled to establishing an autrcracy there. The idea wll grow more repugnant with the years. But Russia, already an autocracy, will have no such bandicap.

COUNTY COSTS PER CAPITA IN 10 YEARS DOUBLE

Nevada County's expenditures for general county government for 1943 44 averaged $39.25 for each person in the county, compared with average expenditure of $33.26 per person for 1942-43 and $16.29 per person for 1934-35 ten, years earlier, California taxpayers association said today making public its study of ten years of county spending.

Expenditures of the county for 1943-44 were as follows: general government, $4.95 per capita to persons and property, $2.20; health and sanitation $1.14; highways and the bridges $3.41; charities and corrections $26.74 and recreation, education and miscellaneous, 81c per capita.

Over the state as a whole county expenditures for 1943-44 averaged $26.70 per capita compared with $25.33 for 1942-43 and $19.90 for 1934-35, the association found. State wide average expenditures for 1943-44 by functions were as follows: general government $3.12 protection to persons and property $2.17; and health and sanitation 75c; highways and bridges $2.37; charities and corrections $16.94; recreation education and miscellaneous 90c; and debt payments 46c.

Loss of county employees to war service and decreasing welfare need should have brought county expendituses down. However in many communities generous war business and increases in pay have wiped out the savings due to reduced numbers of personnel.

Further pay rises, expansion of welfare provisions and plans for post war construction if adopted will be the major reasons why local budgets may go up for 1945-46.

Taxpayers should keep cause and effect foremost in their thinking on local budget. More spending will mean higher local taxes.

STATE CHAMBERS FAVOR BILL TO AID RAILROADS

The California State Chamber of Commerce favors the enactment into law of the Bulwinkle Bill HR 2536 empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to approve or disapprove of agreements between railroads with regard to freight rates and other matters.

The bill would also authorize the railroads to make agreements providing for rate making associations or committees and exempt such agreements and the railroads making them from the application of anti-trust laws when the agreements have been approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

According to James Mussatti, the general manager of the chamber, this legislation is most vitally needed at this time to insure the continuation of the kind of railroad transportation which this country needs and must have.

For over fifty years the interstate commerce commission has been regulating the railroads so as to provide reasonable and non-discriminatory rates and fair practices. In recent years uncertainty and confusion have arisen concerning application of the anti trust laws to railroads and other surface carriers. It is a matter of general knowledge that the carriers cannot serve to masters. It is therefore the duty of congress to say which government agency shall have control of the regulation of the railroads and other carriers.

Fred Browning who has been seriously ill at the home of his mother on Boulder street has been moved to the Miners Hospital.

SOIL DISTRICT TO BURN BRUSH

The directors of the Nevada County soil conservation district are again inviting farmers within the district to take part in a brush clearing by burning this summer, stated Clarence Gassaway district president, at the June meeting of the directors which was held at the district office at 109 South Auburn Street, Grass Valley.

Only brush fields that are protected by natural barriers such as roads and streams or around which the farmer can construct firebreaks can be burned this year as the district has not as yet acquired brush clearing machinery with which to construct firebreaks. It was brought out at the directors meeting that the district expects to obtain equipment of this nature by next year.

William F. Sharp of the state division of forestry will again cooperate in the controlled burning program by furnishing fire crews to make the burning safe.

Farmers interested in this brush clearing program are urged to get in touch with the soil conservation district office immediately as plans for these burns must be completed by July 1. The burns will be made during the month of August.

ELKS INVITE PUBLIC TO FLAG DAY PROGRAM

Flag day ceremonies will be held at the Elks Lodge Wednesday, June 13th, at 8 p. m. to which the public is not only cordially invited but urged to attend.

Brig. Gen. O. B. Abbott of Camp Beale has accepted an invitation to speak or to send a representative in his stead.

The Elks will display nine large flags famous in world history. The flags are the John Cabot Flag of 1497, King James 1st Flag of 1606, English Flag of 1607, Pine Tree Flag of 1775, Southern Colonies Flag of 1776, John Paul Jones Flag of 1775, Grand Union Flag of 1777, Betsy Ross Flag of 1778, Old Glory of 1945.

SCHOOLS GOT HOLIDAY ANYWAY

William Bray, general chairman of the Grass Valley Union Sunday School picnic scheduled for Wednesday on Tuesday evening called the afair off, on account of rain and the threatening weather. The picnic will take place next Wednesday, June 14. The postponement was announced so late in the afternoon, that school children who had been told that there would be a school holiday, could not be notified. Accordingly Grass Valley public schools had their usual holiday. Next week it wont matter, since the school term will have closed.

TO DISCUSS HOME CANNING

Under the auspices of the Nevada County Nutrition Committee an all-day meeting will take place on June 16th in the James S. Hennerry School in Grass Valley for the purpose discussing methods of preserving and canning garden vegetables and fruits.

Miss Virginia Black, Placer-Nevada Counties food preservation assistant, Miss Alice Dillinger of the high school home economics department, and Mrs. Hugh Brown, Red Cross nutrition supervisor, will be among the speakers. Those interested are invited to bring their lunches and spend the day. Tea and coffee will be served.

CHAMBER TO MEET TUESDAY

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow evening in its city hall headquarters to improvements including the city's airport, the report of its housing committee, and other matters of interest to the community.

PRESIDENT TO DO POLITICKING WHILE IN S. F.

By Clem Whitaker

There are tell tale signs on every hand that the curfew has been lifted on "politics as usual" just as the lid has been taken off nocturnal revelry, the sport of kings and sundry other pastimes which went into temporary eclipse after Pearl Harbor.

President Truman, according to well informed insiders, will set the pace during his California visit to attend the United Nations conference by holding an off the record parley with the state's top flight democratic leaders. The confab it is said, will deal not only with presidential politics, but also with democratic plans and hopes to capture key state offices in next year's elections.

In congress the "cradle to the grave" social security plan, a super-duper Santa Claus bill, with all the pre war tinsel and post war trimmings, is back on the docket again after supposedly having been tucked away in moth balls for the duration.

Labor leaders, too, have laid seige to congress, demanding 48 hours pay for 40 hours work during the reconversion period—a flat 20 per cent wage hike which would turn the Little Steel formula into badly-bent scrap iron. And congressmen, not to be outdone are pocketing to get themselves an indirect $2500 a year salary increase.

At Sacramento as the state legislature pounds into the home stretch of its 1945 session there are also many evidences that the political dim out has gone glimmering with partisan politics cropping up in almost every major legislative skirmish.

Governor Warren, using the compulsory health insurance issue, liberalized unemployment insurance and other labor shiboleths to press his case, is assiduously and more or less openly trying to wood AFL and CIO leaders into his re-election campaign organization.

The democratic whip, Assemblyman Alfred W. Robertson of Santa Barbara on the other hand, is maneuvering just as energetically in the budget and tax battles to lay the basis for charges of extravagances against the Warren administration so that the bourbons will have an issue in the '56 gubernatorial brannigan.

The most conclusive sign that "politics as usual" is back again, even though V-Day may be still far distant is that some of the old ballot perennials, which plunged California into uproar in days gone by, are being dusted off for resubmission to the people next year.

There's a new Ham and Eggs pension plan cooking with a new Townsend plan likewise in the offing—and the open shop versus closed shop labor initiative will also be on the 1946 ballot, according to current indications.

Politics, in fact, seems to be the first industry scheduled to get back into normal production.

FORESTERS VISIT HIGH SIERRAS

DOWNIEVILLE, June 11—Raymond N. Brett fire crew foreman and William A. Nelson fire control assistant recently spent three days on an orientation and trail inspection trip over the district.

Traveling with packs and light camp equipment, they visited Spencer Lakes area via the old Johnsville trail, Four Hills, Rawley Lake, Gold Valley, and back out over Sisson Ridge and Boulder trail to Third Divide. Upper Spencer Lake was just starting to break up. Heavy snow packs still remain in such areas as Four Hills, Hawley Basin, and Sisson Ridge. Packs of from two to six feet in depth were encountered.

An interesting variety of wildlife and deer migrations were observed during the trip.

Lawrence Myers of Burlingame spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Myers of Gold Flat.

FHA RULES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED

An explanation of the modified residential construction programs recently approved by the government, was given today by D. C. McGinness, director of the FHA for northern California.

Priority fee construction now ranges from one thousand dollars a year for a single famly dwelling, to five thousand dollars for a five family structure, or at the rate of one thousand dollars per family. Within this range, however all labor, repairs and maintenance must be included. The former order required priorities for all new construction and labor in excess of two hundred dollars. Otherwise repair and maintenence were priority free.

While quotas for new homes have been approved for a number of communities in northern California, and the non-priority tolerances have been established, as noted, there has been no change as yet in the war construction standards or the critical list of building materials. While a greater amount of these materials may now be provided for without priorities their availability remains on the same basis as before. Shortages remain on a number of major materials items. But it is anticipated that the priority modifications will permit the release of some items in larger volume.

The FHA issues the priorities for all residential construction over and above the tolerances given, but it is limited to the one to four family structure in extending its insured financing for either construction, purchase or refinancing.

Quotas for the building of new homes have been approved for the communities within the San Francisco metropolitan area, extending northward, southward and east ward for fifty miles or so from the center of the city, and the additional communities of Auburn, Coalinga, Corcoran, Colfax, Exeter, Gustine, Los Banos, Lemoare, Marysville, Woodland, Merced, Monterey, Newman, Orland, Porterville, Sacramento, Sanger, Santa Clara, Ukiah, Visalia and Watsonville.

Thus far the price for these homes has been set at six thousand dollars to 75 hundred dollars, according to the limitations set by the programing agency. Anyone who can qualify as an owner occupant within the established quota limitations may construct one of these homes according to his preference or priority rating. Any qualified operative builder may construct a specified number of such homes in most of the quotas are being held for rent, the rental figure thus far having been set at 55 or 60 dollars on the basis of the approved prices of the unit. But by far the greater number of these homes are being constructed by operative builders or by owner occupants.

ACCIDENTAL SHOT KILLS YOUNGSTER

Donald Epperson, 8, was shot and killed yesterday afternaan at 4:20 o'clock on Little Greenhorn Creek. While following his cousin, Jimmy Brunson, 13, who carried 22 rifle on his shoulder, down a trail, in some manner the trigger caught, and a bullet was discharged penetrating the right breast and severing the aorta. Donald succumbed quickly.

Coroner Alvah Hooper who investigated the tragedy states it was accidental. The two boys were fishing and hunting. Following the fatal shot Jimmy Brunson ran to the Driggs sawmill and the sheriff's and coroner's offices were notified.

Dr. Fritz Tobias who made an examination of the wound found it had entered the breast and emerged from the back.

Earl Epperson, father of the youngster, was recently inducted into the U. S. Army and is now at Camp Hood, Texas. Surviving are his sister and his mother. The family lives in Peardale.

Mrs. Ellsworth Bennett has returned from Washington, D. C. to her home in this city. Her husband is for the time being in Denver, but expects to be back in Nevada City some time in July.

HEALTH OFFICER SAYS BEWARE OF BOTULISM

Home canners were urged today to use approved methods of canning fruits, vegetables, and meats, by Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, state director of public health. Two deaths from botluism caused by an improperly home canned vegetable mixture occurred recently in Glendale, he reported.

All non-acid foods, unless they are processed in a steam pressure cooker according to the directions of the University of California, are potential sources of botulism, a highly fatal food poisoning. Dr. Halverson emphasized. Non acid food include olives, meats, fish, poultry and all vegetables except tomatoes and rhubarb.

Dr. Halverson said that illness due to botulism usually occurs from 24 to 48 hours after the food has been eaten. Symptoms are very different from those caused by ordinary food poisoning. The patient becomes weak and there are disturbances of vision and loss of ability to talk. Death is due to paralysis which makes the breathing impossible.

Individuals are warned to boil all non acid home canned foods for 15 minutes before tasting even tiny amounts. If symptoms of botulsim occur, a doctor should be called immediately, Dr. Halverson said, because prompt treatment with an anti toxin can sometimes save the life of the patient.

RATION POINTS CUT FOR BIG RESTAURANTS

Allotments of rationed foods to those hotels and restaurants that have been receiving larger allowances than household consumers will be reduced on July 1, the OPA announced today.

The reductions, effective for the July-August allotment period, will affect only those commercial eating places that, because of heavy use of meats and other rationed foods during the base period, December 1942, have been using larger amounts than other consumers. Since many establishments—typically smaller restaurants and eating places—have allowances which do not exceed the maximum allotment provided by today's action, they will not feel the reductions.

Many cafes and hotels will get 20 per cent less meats and fats 12 to 15 per cent less canned fruits and vegetables and 20 to 25 per cent less sugar, according to Chester Bowles.

Most of the cafes and hotel affected by the reduction will get less than 50 per cent of what they used in December 1942.

With the reductions in allotments that have taken place under rationing no hotel or restaurant that observes the regulations can provide heavy meat services, such as steaks, chops or roasts, day after day.

This means that the steak house, as it was known before the war, can no longer operate as a steak house and that even those with the highest point allotments permitted by the regulations will find it necessary to serve most of their meals as the meatless meals and few with heavy meat services.

Edward Steele to Speak at G. V. Rotary Club

Edward Steele, manager of the Grass Valley office of the United States Employment Service, will be guest speaker today at the luncheon meeting of the Grass Valley Rotary Club.

Steele, until recently a sergeant in the U. S. Marine Corps, will discuss the post war picture of employment. Ernest George is program chairman and Gene Ingalls, club president, will preside.

RED CROSS CHAPTER MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Nevada City Red Cross Chapter tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the producton rooms of the chapter on Pine Street. This announcement is made by Mrs. Richard Goyne, secretary.

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FLAG DAY

In less momentous times than these, when men's lives are not a stake nor their liberty at issue, the sight of the beloved flag of our country stirs our hearts but rarely dims our eyes. Today, in time of war, when everything we hold dear is threatened by a ruthless foe, our hearts swell with pride when we regard our flag and gratefully consider the blessings of freedom for which it stands.

In other days we listened a little shamefacedly at our emotions to the patriotic music and oratory of Flag Day, Nobody will smile at emotion or tears this Flag Day, June 14, For this is war time, and Old Glory is the freshly meaningful standard of our liberty. It is the bright banner of a free nation, our nation, welded anew in devotion to liberty and to union—

The union of lakes—the union of lands
The union of states none can sever;
The union of hearts—the union of hands—
And the flag of our Union forever.—Contributed.

THE CHILDREN OF LIDICE

Where are the children of Lidice?

Where are the younsters of that pretty little village that stood in the sun one day, and the next day was gone, ground to dust under the blasting funs of German "avengers" who took their toll of a whole town for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, nazi overlord of Bohemia and Morovia.

The nezais razed the villege, killed its men, sent its women to concentration camps and consigned the children to educational institutions. And today the Pragrue radio appeals to all people of good will and good hearts, to help trace those lost boys and girls.

On the basis of facts and photographs which have come out of Germany concerning treatment of all those considered unfriendly to the reich and to nazi doctrine, it is unlikely they will ever be found alive.

But this we believe: The world may never see again the tear-stained little hostages that trudged away from their homes that tragic day, terrified at what they had seen and at what lay head. But the world will never forget the inhuman tyranny of naziism. The world will remember as long as time the immortal children of Lidice.—Contributed.

LAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS

To those who think we may not show further progress over the future years, we call attention to how far we have progressed during the last one hundred years as reported in a recent issue of Your Estate. "One Hundred Years Ago:

There was not a public library in the United States.

Almost all furniture was imported from England.

Every gentleman wore a queue and powdered his hair.

Crockery plates were objected to because they dulled the knives.

Virginia contained a fifth of the whole population of the country.

Two stage coaches bore all the travel between New York and Boston.

A day laborer considerer himself well paid with two shillings a day.

The whipping post and pillory were still standing in Boston and New York.

Beef, pork, salt fish, potatoes and hominy were the staple diet all the year around.

JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder, if great Hercules
Could walk the earth today,
And gape at this, our modern scene,
What would the old boy say?

Hercules might have been a model of industry in ancient times, but in reality the old chap had an easy time of it. He never saw anything in the line of hard work. It is too bad he can't come back from his place of rest and see what modern men and nations are doing today.

The world of today is the scene of one stupendous task after another and despite the claims of calamity howlers, these tasks are being accomplished with an encouraging degree of success. The German monster has been subdued and the nation that delights to follow the god of war, is being put in a staight jacket. The big four in authority at Berlin are taking up the responsibilities of government and assuring law and order and of retraining, if possible the denuatured minds of those found worthy of especial attention. War criminals are being punished, not so rapidly as some of us would desire, but perhaps the momentum will increase and heads will fall in satisfactory numbers as dys go by.

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The war with Japan goes on apace and most of us realize that this conquest will call for all of our resources of courage, determination and sacrifice. The present war bond drive must be more than successful in order that the machinery of war may not be inadequate and that the little demans of Japan may be speedily brought to the point of unconditional surrender.

The security conference at San Francisco is making definite progress. It has been stated that of seventeen points of difference between the five big powers, fourteen have at this been amicably settled. What if the conference lasts another month, even two months. The fate of the world is at stake and we should remember that the mills of the gords grind slowly when the half gods grind, we can only exercise patience.

As I write, the trouble in the Levant seems to be fading from the picture and France is recovering from her momentary loss of poise and perhaps, finding that her time may not, upon all occasions but our time. Russia's time or England's. This is the time for planting good seed, of passing the good word along, of refraining from discouraging speech. If we think straight we shall see straight. If we see straight we will not plant tares in the garden which the children of men are so patiently and sedulously laboring to cultivate.

Uncle Silas says "Yes Hitler is dead. It is rumored that Mephisto is wrapping him in hellflame preparatory to sending him back to the Russians."A. Merriam Conner.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Congressman Clair Engle

WASHINGTON, June 11—Veterans Investigation—The current investigation of the veterans' hospitals and the veterans administration generally is a matter of vital concern in almost every home in America because nearly every home has someone in the service or some near relative in the service who may be using, now or in the future, veterans hospitals. The articles which appeared in March and April issues of the Cosmopolitan magazine one of which was reprinted in the Readers Digest, ave caused a good deal of comment throughout the nation. The committee on world war veterans legislation, of which I am a member, is conducting the investigation and heard the testimony of Albert Maisel the author of these articles. Maisel was able to dorument and support a part of the rontents of these articles. Some of his generalizations were found to be entirely too broad and some of his statements not founded on fart. Generally speaking the investigation to date reveals an inedaquate staff at all the hospitals and in many instances overcrowding through lack of sufficient facilities. It has been difficult for the veterans administration to get adequate help because of the hidebound civil service requirements and low salaries. In addition, it appears that there is too much centralization and restrictino from the top, which prevents the program in the various hospitals being as flexible and progressive as it would be. As to the California veterans hospitals the only one to date on which I have had any complaint of of consequence is Livermore. I again invite the veterans of my district to give me the benefit of any of their experiences in the veterans hospitals which would be helpful to the investigation. The members of the committee are deeply concerned in the matter and want a thorough investigation and one which will remedy any of the conditions found to be unsatisfactory.

Gold Reserve Bill — The house passed the bill HR 3000 to reduce the gold reserve behind our currency from 40 per cent to 25 per cent. This is not a matter as might be supposed, which affects only the gold mining industry and people indirectly interested in gold mining. Any move touching the stabilization of our currency is of vital concern to every person living in this country. If we aren't careful, the people who are patriotically buying war bonds will get them payed off in dollars worth fifty per cent in purchasing power of what they paid for them. Fed people even in congress know very much about our monetary system and leave this baffling field which is so vital to our national economy to the alleged experts. When the bill came on the floor there were only a half dozen congressmen who expressed very much concern or took the floor on the subject. I made a speech in regard to the soundness of gold backing for our currency and the necessity of maintaining at the highest possible ratio our gold reserve. I offered an amendment to raise the price of gold to $56 as an alternative to the bill suggested by the federal reserve system. This amendment was ruled out on a point of order. When that motion was lost I then moved to amend the bill to limit the reduction of gold reserves to two years so that at the end of that time the ratio which has prevailed since 1913 would automatically be returned. The motion was lost on a close vote. It is surprising to what extent people have lost sight of the importance of gold in our monetary structure, largely I believe through withdrawing gold from general circulation. The statement has been made that it is riduculous to take the gold out of the ground in California and put it back in the ground in Kentucky. In other words, a lot of people think think that gold is of no practical value so far as our currency structure is concerned. That is a fallacy which will have to be soon corrected.

Gas for Lamb and Cattle Buyers—On a general order cutting the gas allocation to salesmen and buyers of all types the lamb buyers of California were cut to a total of 2475 miles for three months. The lamb buyers got mixed in with the tie salesmen and all the others in this general order. Back here they didn't realize that in their busy season the lamb buyers travel three or four thousand miles a month. With the meat shortage it is more important than ever that every encouragement be given to the efficient movement of live stock from the farm to the slaughterer houses. A vigorous protest has been made by congressmen from livestock areas on this subject and a modification of the order is now in process and should be put out for the relief of the situation by the time this article appears.

Western Cabinet Posts—Western representatives generally were plased with the recent new appointment by the president to his cabinet, all of them coming from the west, and especially the appointment of Congressman Clinton Anderson of New Mexico, Anderson has his office just down the hall from my office. He is one of the ablest and most respected members of congress and his assumption of the duties not only of Secretary of Agriculture but food czar, as head of WFA is looked upon with confidence. I have had the pleasure of associating very closely with him and know him on a first name basis.

Dolls Will be Topic at Silver Tea

St. Catherine's Guild of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Grass Valley will give a silver tea tomorrow afternoon in the parish house. There will be an interesting program and light refreshments.

Mrs. Warren Barnes of Nevada City will speak on the history and variety of dolls, of which she has long been a collector. Many of her specimens will be on display. She has among them, dolls of strange backgrounds and strange countries.

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In addition 72 firms or individuals were given hearings before price panels of local war price and rationing boards under administrator claim actions. In most instances, these were cases where consumers had failed to file personal treble damage actions within 30 days of the overcharge.

A BELL *for* ADANO

By John Hersey

DEATH

PEARCE—In Nevada City, Nevada County, June 5, 1945 Richard Pearce brother of Joseph Pearce of Sacramento and William Pearce of Nevada City ,a native of Grass Valley, aged 68 years. Funeral services were held in Grass Valley June 8th. Interment was in the Foresters Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lillard of Sacramento were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harley M. Leete.

CHAPTER IX

Tomasino was shaken. "Protection," he said. "Before you came we had to pay protection money to Enea, the supervisor of the Fisheries, an evil man. In return he 'protected' us. Hah, Fiorentino said one time that he did not feel the need of protection, and the next week his boat, the pretty Matina, burned up as it lay at its mooring."

The Major said: "There will be no such thing under the Americans, Tomasino. That's the kind of thing we want to eliminate."

Tomasino said: "You are lying to me. There is a trick."

At this moment Captain Purvis swung into the port area in his jeep. He jumped out and ran into the delighted crowd, shouting as he ran: "Scram, you. Get out of here."

He pulled out his automatic and fired six shots into the air.

The crowd broke instantly. "The Germans, the Germans," one shouted.

"The Fascists have come back," someone else shouted.

"It's all over," a woman screamed.

"I've been wounded," a man moaned. Of course he had not been. All of Captain Purvis's shots went into the air.

Within twenty seconds the entire crowd had disappeared into the streets of Adano, and there was nothing left at the head of the Molo di Ponente except the smoke from Captain Purvis's Colt. The Captain got into his jeep and drove off.

Tomasino was alarmed by the shots. "You have come to shoot me," he shouted, springing to his feet. "I knew there was a trick. You want to kill me."

But Major Joppolo calmed him. "That was just to get rid of the crowd. I don't want anything except to send you out fishing, Tomasino."

Tomasino said: "There is a trick," but he sat down again.

The Major said: "Tomasino, we will need about half a dozen boats. Can you help arrange this?"

"To whom will the tribute be paid? How much will it be?"

"You won't have to pay any tribute to the Americans, Tomasino."

"No protection. No tribute. I do not believe it. And how much tax must we pay on the gross weight of our catch?"

"There will not be any tax on your catch, Tomasino. You will only have to pay the regular taxes. It is true that your profit will be limited to fifteen per cent of what you take in. The rest you must spend in wages to your fishermen and upkeep on your boats."

"No protection, no tribute, no special tax. You are making fun of me, American."

"Why should I make fun of you, fisherman? It is my job to run this town. I consider it my job to keep the people of this town alive. They haven't enough to eat. I want fish for them. I want you to go fishing. Why should I make fun of you?"

Tomasino stood up. "American," he said, "I begin to think you are different from the others."

The Major ignored this concession and said: "Tomasino, I want you to be the head of the fishermen of Adano. There will no longer be a criminal like — what was his name?"

"Enea."

"There will no longer be an Enea over the fishermen. I want a fisherman to be in charge of the fishermen."

Tomasino's sad face almost broke into a smile. "There would be justice in that, and we fishermen aren't very well acquainted with justice." Then the morose man thought a moment. "No," he said, "I can't do it."

"Why not?"

"I would be a man of authority. I would be the thing I have hated all my life. The other fishermen would laugh at me for becoming the thing I had always hated most."

"But Tomasino, you've just admitted that I was different from other men of authority. You could be different too. It is possible to make your authority seem to spring from the very people over whom you have authority. And after a while, Tomasino, it actually does spring from them, and you are only the instrument of their will. That is the thing that the Americans want to teach you who have lived under men who imagined that they themselves were authority."

Tomasino thought a long time and then said: "It is too good. There is a trick."

"Yes, as a matter of fact there is a trick, fisherman. The trick is that some men are not good enough for this thing, and that makes it fall down. Right here in this invasion we have a general who is not good enough, General Marvin. He imagines that he is something that ought to be worshiped. Also we have one who may not be good enough, I'm not sure yet, much closer to us than the General. I mean the Captain of the Navy who runs this port. He is a young man and very fond of authority. And Tomasino, we have to get permission from him before you and the others can go out fishing."

"Who is this young man of authority?" Tomasino said with a sullen face. "I will bash his head in with my gaffing hook." And the fisherman's face looked as if he meant it.

"Let's go and talk with him."

And so the Major and Tomasino went to see Lieutenant Livingston in the Port Captain's office. The Lieutenant was feeling very grumpy after the brush-off Major Joppolo had given him because he was in a hurry. Lieutenant Livingston was in no mood to grant requests to an Army man and a meatball.

Major Joppolo, being single-minded, not to say absent-minded, was not in the least conscious of Lieutenant Livingston's mood.

"Hi, Captain," he said blithely when he and Tomasino walked in. "Back again."

"So I see," said Lieutenant Livingston without pleasure.

"This is Tomasino, the head of the fishermen here." Tomasino, hearing his name, gave the Lieutenant a Fascist salute.

Lieutenant Livingston said: "Would the old fisherman mind taking a seat out there in the hall? I have a rule that no Italians are to come in this office."

Major Joppolo said: "Tomasino wouldn't mind, but I would. What kind of way is that to run an office in an Italian town?" Tomasino, hearing his name, gave the Lieutenant another Fascist salute.

Quite coolly Lieutenant Livingston said: "I don't know how you run your offices in the Army, Captain, but in the Navy we have something we call security. We can't afford to be careless."

Major Joppolo was indignant. "I'll vouch for Tomasino." Tomasino saluted. He hated authority, but he knew it when he saw it.

"Scram, you—"

Lieutenant Livingston said testily: "Major, after all, this is my office."

The Major said: "Well, it's Tomasino's town." Tomasino saluted.

The Lieutenant said: "What do you want, Major?"

Major Joppolo said: "I want the Navy's permission to send out six fishing boats to get fish for Adano."

Lieutenant Livingston said: "Impossible."

Major Joppolo said: "What's impossible about it?"

The Lieutenant said: "We'd have to get permission from ComNavIt and he'd have to refer it to ComNavNaw, and they're both Admirals. Not a chance."

Major Joppolo said: "What's all that gibberish mean?"

The Lieutenant said: "Commander Navy Italy and Commander Navy North African Waters. Is that gibberish, Major?"

The Major said: "Why do you have to go running to the Admirals? Don't they give you any responsibility at all?"

Lieutenant Livingston spoke very patiently. "You wouldn't understand," he said. "This is a Navy problem."

"Listen, Captain, we're in this war together. What's itching you?"

"How do you know this man isn't in the Italian Navy? How do you know he isn't being paid by the German Navy? How do you know he just wants to fish?"

Major Joppolo was too outraged to laugh. "Tomasino?" he said. "Have you ever talked with Tomasino?" Tomasino saluted.

The Lieutenant said: "Can he speak English?"

Major Joppolo had had enough. He said: "Listen, Captain, this town is hungry. It needs fish. If it doesn't get something to supplement its diet, people are going to die here of starvation. Are you going to let these men go out fishing, or aren't you?"

Lieutenant Livingston was surprised by the Major's vehemence. "They might hit loose mines and be blown up," he said defensively.

"I don't care. This is a war. Some people've got to get killed so others can live. Are you going to let these men go out fishing, or aren't you?"

Lieutenant Livingston said uncertainly: "I don't think I ought to."

Major Joppolo said: "Captain, unless you give permission for these men to go out, I'm going to send a separate letter naming each person who dies of hunger in this town to your commanding officer, and in each letter I'm going to say it's your fault."

"Maybe we could work something out," the Lieutenant said.

"You know we could," Major Joppolo said. "By day after tomorrow I want you to have six charts ready showing exactly where these boats can go and not run into our mine fields. They don't have to show where the mines are, all they need show is an area where the boats can go. I'll see that these men stick to that area. Have it ready day after tomorrow."

And before he could catch himself, Lieutenant Livingston of Kent and Yale had said to Major Joppolo of the Bowery and Tammany Hall: "Yes, sir."

Major Joppolo left with Tomasino before the Lieutenant could catch his wits.

Outside, Tomasino said: "I hate him. What did he say?"

"A lot of foolishness, except for one thing," the Major said. "If you go out fishing, Tomasino, you may get hurt. Your boat might hit an American mine."

"What do I care?" said Tomasino. "I am going fishing. Mister Major, if you could know how unhappy the fishermen of Adano have been. All we want in the world is to go fishing. We will go even if we have to pay graft to the men of authority. Now you say we don't have to do that. Thank you, Mister Major."

"No," the Major said, and he decided to try something. "No, Tomasino, I thank you for taking charge of the fishermen, and I kiss your hand."

Tomasino looked at this man of authority, and he said: "You are different." And the old fisherman turned and ran out on the mole to the Tina, and he shouted as he ran, as if telling his boat: "We are going fishing! We are going fishing! We are going fishing!"

The telephone rang.

"Hello," Major Joppolo said. "Joppolo, Amgot."

"Joppolo, this is Sartorius, up at Vicinamare."

"Oh, hello, Colonel."

"About that bell."

"Yeah, any luck?"

"I'll say. I found the records on it in about fifteen minutes. By the grace of God the Fascists kept their records about things like this by towns, so all I had to do was look in their files under Adano. But boy, those Eyeties sure did a lot of paper work."

Major Joppolo said: "So what about the bell?"

"Well, I found three entries."

"Can we get the bell back? That's what I want to know."

Colonel Richard N. Sartorius was a methodical man. "The first entry," he said, "is dated June fifteenth. It says the bell arrived from Adano by mule cart. It says the bell was very crudely crated, and had to be crated all over again. That took three days."

"Where's the bell now? Did you find it?"

"The second entry is dated June twenty-second. It says the bell was put aboard the motor ship Alcuri for Milan via Genoa. It was addressed to the Fecoratta Artillery Foundry, Forty-three Via Edda Mussolini, Milan."

"Oh, they shipped it off."

"Not only that, but the third entry says the Fecoratta Artillery Foundry at Forty-three Via Edda Mussolini in Milan—can you imagine naming a street for that flewsie?—it says that the Foundry acknowledged receipt of the bell. That entry was on July the second. I'm afraid your bell is just a hunk of cannon now, Joppolo."

"Too bad."

"Well, at least I found the records for you."

"That's awful disappointing."

"Yeah, I'm sorry. But I'm glad I could set you straight on it." All Colonel Sartorius wanted was one word of thanks.

"These people down here'll be heartbroken," the single-minded Major said.

"Is that a fact?" said Colonel Sartorius. "Well, you're welcome," and he hung up hard.

The day that Mayor Nasta came down from the hills Major Joppolo got his first idea that perhaps the people of Adano really were glad to have the Americans around.

Major Joppolo was having lunch with Captain Purvis at the Albergo dei Pescatori. Joppolo and Purvis had almost nothing in common, but they were beginning to like each other pretty well. It was probably just that they were both officers and Americans, and no matter whether they would have been worlds apart back in the States, here they were blood brothers, and they could talk over their reactions and laugh together and understand each other. Brother Purvis still wanted to get Brother Joppolo drunk, but even that issue, which began bitterly, was now becoming a joke and a promise of some fun.

The Albergo dei Pescatori had the best food in Adano, and the Major and the Captain ate there regularly now. The food was nothing to write home about, but it was better than C Rations. Lunch and dinner were exactly alike and never varied: pasta with tomato sauce, a little fried eggplant and cheese, an omelet, bread, fruit and red wine. The place owned just nine regular customers. Besides the Major and the Captain, there were the owner, his wife, and his son, two women, and their two men, who were never the same at any two successive meals. At each meal Major Joppolo used to say as he sat down, "I'll have to run them out of town one of these days," but soon the remark became just a habit, like saying a blessing, and there was little chance of its fulfillment.

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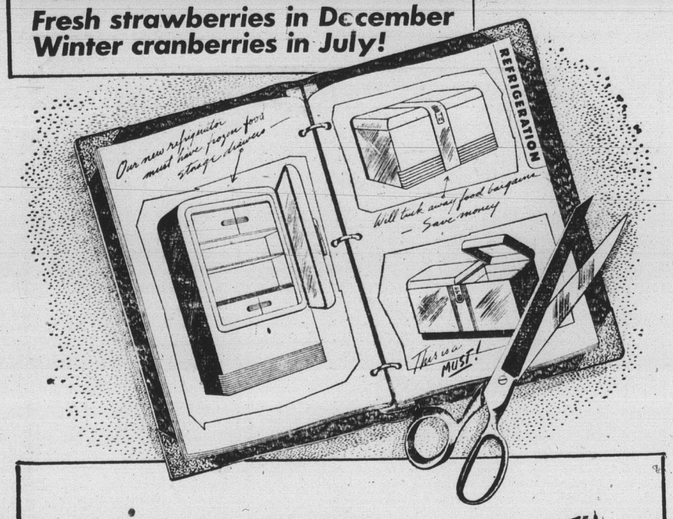
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Harold E. Baker—

Aboard a new U. S. Cruiser Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed)—Harold E. Baker, 19, parachute rigger, second class, whose father Frank Baker lives at 115 Boulder Ave., Nevada City, and who lists his own address at 301 South Parde Juan Ave. Mieners Cooks, Ojai, helped take this new ship into battle for the first time today against the Japs.

Her guns sent two Japanese bombers crashing into the sea not far from Japan, and the carriers she defended so well are free to launch their planes,

Yesterday business as usual was the plan of the day, and outwardly the officers and men cerried on as if they had no notion of the imminence of battle. But they all knew that just over the horizon lay the manland of Japan.

Within each officer and man there was a mounting tension that made itself known in little things. A few bibles appeared, some new, some dog eared and worn; there was louder laughter than usual; more zealous attempts at horse play. A quiet checking of battle gear or the studied writing of letters gave evidence of serious thought. Men asked each other what difference there was between a Jap plane and the hundreds of tarkets they had so efficiently knocked from the skies.

Today, shortly after dawn when the first Jap Betty stole through a curtain of ack ack and let loose its bombs, the men knew there was a difference.

The next plane did not get through it dissolved in the focal fire of a barrage from the ships of the task force. A third one, intent on sowing destruction on the deck of a carrier broke through, but it was riddled with flack and diveted. Other planes came in to meet the fierce anti aircraft fire of this cruiser and other ships of the force, but they were repelled. The carriers moved on toward their goal.

This evening the captain of this newly baptised cruiser spoke from his station on the bridge to the men at their battle stations. The planes of returning U. S. airmen speckled the sky as they maneuvered for the landings. The captain words were proud:

Objective realized—losses of task force aircraft light—damage to the enemy severe. For this ship, two Jap planes, one probable. For you of the crew, well done, shipmates. The Jap is aware that a new ship has joined Uncle Sam's first team.

A LETTER

TO OUR FRIENDS—

EVERYWHERE!

We wish to announce that we have disposed of our interests in the New Deal Cafe to Mr. John Ambler, Mr. Kim Beckett and Mr. Thomas E. Hoskings. The new owners are now in possession and operating the business

It is not without a genuine feeling of regret—induced by the reflection on 13 very, very happy years when it was our pleasure to make untold hundreds of new friends—that we make our announcement of retirement from cafe operation. To our friends—everywhere — and we are proud to say that folks we know and love live in the earth's four corners—from Grass Valley to Australia, to the islands of the South Pacific, to the frozen shores of Alaska, to the pock-marked battle fields of Europe—to these, our many friends, we extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their generosity of patronage and the highly successful operation of our business. That these friendships may never be broken but rather strengthened as time goes on is our only wish.

It is our sincere wish that New Deal patrons accord the new owners the same friendly welcome and social visits accorded us during our 13 years.

While we are retiring from the New Deal Cafe we are not retiring from business in Grass Valley. Far from it! We like Grass Valley—it has been our home and it is going to continue to be our home. We will be looking for you all to see us soon when we open our new business establishment—the GOLD PAN LIQUOR STORE, at the corner of Auburn and Main Streets in the near future.

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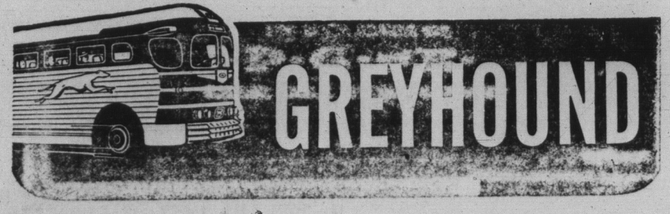

FUNERAL SERVICE TOMORROW FOR MRS. GUENTHER

Funeral services will take place in St. Canice Catholic Church tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for Mrs. Edith Guenther who died after a lingering illness Saturday afternoon. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Holmes Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Guenther was born in Omega, Nevada County, 73 years ago. After graduation from Nevada City schools she studied music and for many years was a piano teacher. She was active in church work and took deep interest in Laurel Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West of which she was a 50-year member. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. John Goyne, early day arrivals in the county. Her father engaged in placer mining in Omega.

Surviving are her husband, Frank Guenther and a sister Mrs. Elizabeth Kaarsburg of Sacramento.

Fourth Celebration Plans Maturing

Howard Bennetts, chairman of the joint celebration of the Fourth of July in which Nevada City will participate this year in Grass Valley, yesterday announced that the patriotic response already indicates deep community interest.

Nine floats have already been pledged by organizations and preparations by civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations are well begun.

Earl Covey is chairman in charge of sports, and Jerry Brust is in charge of the parade features.

On the eve of the Fourth the Nevada City Band will give an open air concert. The parade this year will form in Hills Flat. The Nevada City Firemen's Drum Corps, a notable feature in all recent Fourths will lead the Nevada City section of the parade.

Mrs. E. H. Pollard of the Tahoe Ukiah highway has been quite ill.

No. 4451
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of ALBERT L. JOHNSON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Leonard W. Johnson as administrator of the estate of Albert L. Johnson, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator at the office of H. Ward Sheldon, Union Building, Nevada City, California, the same being his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Albert L. Johnson, Deceased.

Dated June 6, 1945.

LEONARD W. JOHNSON,
Administrator of the Estate of Albert L. Johnson, Deceased.
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Pfc. Lloyd W. Finch Killed in Cebu Island

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Finch of Peardale have been informed by the war department that their son, Pfc. Lloyd W. Finch of 182nd Infantry was killed in action on Bebu Island in the Philippines on March 29th.

The young soldier, who had attended the Grass Valley high school prior to his induction, was but 20 years of age, but had already distinguished himself in the Bougainville fighting and wore the bronze star for valor.

For a short time he was employed by the Nevada Irrigation District where his industry and cheery disposition won him many friends.

Survivng besides his parents are sisters, Mrs. Stewart Jones of Gustine, Merced County, Mrs. C. M. Perry of Grass Valley, Mrs. Henry Coates of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County, Mrs. Jack Driscoll of Ancon Panama Canal Zone, and Miss Lawrence Finch of Grass Valley.

Parking Ordinance to be Enforced Again

Chief of Police James Allen announced yesterday, that following complaints received by the city council, the city ordinance limiting parking in the business district to one hour, would be strictly enforced.

Business men in the habit of parking their cars near their stores or offices on the main thoroughfares were told that this easy going custom would no longer be tolerated, that the city ordinance governing parking would hereafter he enforced to the letter.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. Ghidotti has gone to Ohio to visit with her sister who she has not seen for nine years. Her husband is spending several weeks in San Francisco on business.

Tony Rore, city councilman, was about town Friday for the first time in ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Buck left Saturday afternoon for their ranch at Orleans Flat. They were accompanied by Mrs. Buck's niece Arlene Headley.

Tony Buck who has been a patient at the Nevada City Sanitarium for some time is much improved and is now at the home of Merle Headley on Nihell Street.

Miss Frances Prior a teacher in the Lodi schools and aunt, Mrs. Lena Walton, will arrive today for a few days visit with Miss Pryor's sister and brother in law. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martine of Park Avenue.

NEIGHBORS OF WOODCRAFT ELECTION

The District No. 13 meeting, Circle Area, Neighbors of Woodcraft was held in Redding, May 25 and 26, after a four year intermission due to war conditions. Following the business session there was an election of grand representatives for a four year term. These were:

Nance Rayner of Champion Circle 325 of Nevada City, Francis Dorsey of Pomegranite Circle of Auburn and Beverly Bell of Roseville Circle. Laura Ghanholm of Nevada City was chosen inner sentinel, Esther Munsee of Arbor Viat Circle, Grass Valley, was chosen manager and Alice Sands of Auburn, attendant .

The city council has authorized Thomas Bowles, who recently was given a permit to use the city's airport on top of Cement Hill, to scrape and improve the air strips.

The council also voted increases in wages for several of the city employes. A council committee will make a survey of the city's parking facilities and report at the July meeting. Lyman Strain of Sacramento was employed to audit the city's records.

EDITOR CLEM
By Ralph Kemp

"Here's the proof. Danged if we ain't gotta go the limit to back the boys who's sufferin' and dying over there, with BONDS, BONDS, BONDS."

Veterans Service Office for Truckee

Greg J. Altenhofen, Nevada County Veterans Service officer, last week arranged to establish a branch service for veterans in Truckee, Nevada County. Cecil Edmunds and Mrs. G. D. Gamy were named deputy officers.

The office will be located in the chamber of commerce rooms in Truckee. Cooperating in the establishment of the service, Altenhofen stated, are Supervisor Henry G. Loehr and Frank Kinne, commander of the Truckee post of the American Legion.

DIVORCE

EADS—In Nevada City, Nevada County, June 6, 1945, Ross M. Eads, vs. Louise E. Eads; suit filed; cruelty.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

GEIN1MULCAHY—In Nevada City Nevada County, June 7, 1945, Harold Ralph Gein, 27, U. S. Army and Helen Doris Mulcahy, 25, Grass Valley.

Nevada City Youngster is Baseball Mascot

Gordon Lageson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lageson of this city has gone to Sacramento to put in his fourth consecutive term as mascot of the San Diego Baseball Club, now located there.

Gordon has a baseball suit exactly like those of the clubs, rooms at the same hotel with them, and follows their daily routine. Gordon entertains ambition to be a good baseball player when he grows up.

St. Agnes Guild to Give Silver Tea

St. Agnes Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church will give a silver tea Thursday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock in the Parish hall. The public has been cordially invited. During the afternoon several musical selections will be offered. Mrs. Benjamin Hall, president of the guild, is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor of Downieville was in town Saturday.

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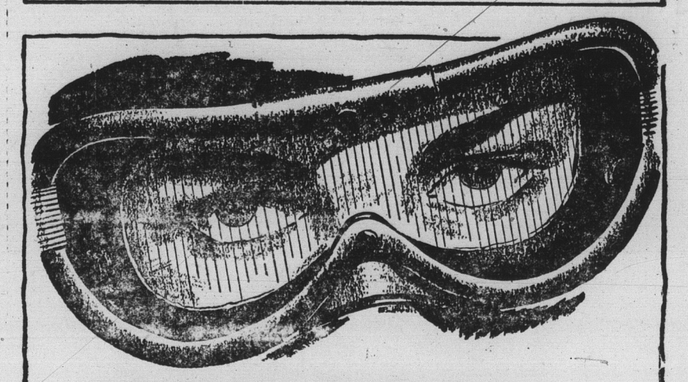

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